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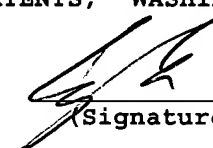
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In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, Applicant hereby requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method of recognizing a spoken digit string, comprising:
- (a) receiving the spoken digit string;
  - (b) analyzing the spoken digit string to generate a list of hypothesized digit strings arranged in ranked order based on a likelihood of matching the spoken digit string;